

matters that have transpired during the late eventful times leave me nothing more to say.

I cannot conclude, however, without expressing the hope that you will, during the present session of the Legislature, confine your action as far as may comport with your ideas of propriety to matters of general interest and those laws of pressing necessity. That every endeavor will be used by you to bear the standard of Texas aloft: that you will struggle by every means in your power to strengthen the arm of the Confederate States, I feel fully satisfied, and permit me, gentlemen, to assure you that you shall have my hearty co-operation in all matters tending toward the general welfare. Let us do our duty, and with the aid of an All Wise and All Seeing Providence our country will emerge from this unholy war, with a fame world wide, and her honor untarnished.

Very respectfully,
F. R. LUBBOCK.

On motion of Mr. Guinn the message was referred to the appropriate committee and 500 copies thereof ordered to be printed.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate that the House has concurred in the Senate's resolutions requiring the Committee on Indian Affairs of both Houses to act jointly on the subject of frontier defense, and to raise a joint committee on the memorial to Robert Creuzbaur. Also that the House had passed a bill to enable J. H. Saunders, guardian, &c., to remove the property of his wards, John Saunders, Cara Saunders, and Claiborne Saunders from the State of Texas.

On motion of Mr. Finlay the Senate adjourned until Monday next at 10 o'clock A. M.

Monday, November 18, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain. Roll called. Quorum present. The journal of Saturday was read and adopted.

Mr. Guinn offered the following resolution: "**Resolved**, That the Treasurer be requested to furnish the Senate with a statement of the funds and their character on hand." Adopted.

Mr. Guinn introduced a bill supplementary and additional to an amendatory of the Act to reorganize the Court of Claims and to extend the time for the presentation of claims for land against the Republic or State of Texas.

Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the Committee on the Court of Claims.

Mr. Finlay introduced a joint resolution concerning the pay of privates in the Confederate Army. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the Committee on Militia and Military Affairs.

Mr. Scarborough introduced a bill to procure the investigation of the rights of the State to the salt lake known as El Sal del Rey. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Burnett offered the following resolution: "**Resolved**, That the Committee on Printing be instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing a law requiring the advertising of sheriffs and other sales required by law in the newspapers of the county or district in which it is published and report by bill or otherwise." Adopted.

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A bill to amend Article 284 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas. Read 3rd time and passed.

House bill to enable J. H. Saunders to remove the property of his wards from the State of Texas. Read 1st and 2nd time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Shepard by leave introduced a bill for the relief of the railroad companies of the State of Texas. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

On motion of Mr. Harcourt, Mr. Dickson was added to the Committees on State Affairs, Public Lands, Education, Judiciary, and Finance.

Mr. Selman offered the following resolution: "**Resolved**, That the Treasurer of the State be requested to furnish the Senate with a statement showing the several amounts due the State by the different rail road companies and the amounts of interest due by each." Adopted.

Mr. Durant offered a joint resolution proposing to amend the Constitution so as to have annual sessions of the Legislature. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

The following communication was received from the Superintendent of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum:

Austin, November 18, 1861

Honorable John M. Crockett, President of the Senate
Dear Sir:

The Senate is respectfully invited to attend the examination of the pupils of the Institution for the Deaf and

Dumb in the Hall of the House of Representatives tomorrow, Tuesday, November 19, commencing at 7½ o'clock P. M.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
J. Van Nostrand, Superintendent

On motion of Mr. Durant the Senate adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Tuesday, November 19, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain. Roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Branch, Chairman of the Committee on Education, reported a substitute for a bill for the endowment of professorships in colleges in Texas and recommended its passage.

Mr. Erath, Chairman of the Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill granting lands to the soldiers of Texas with a recommendation that it do not pass.

Mr. Parsons, Chairman of the Committee on Internal Improvements, reported a bill for the benefit of irrigable property and recommended its passage.

Mr. Casey, Chairman of the Committee on Militia and Military Affairs, reported a substitute for a (bill) joint resolution authorizing the Governor to appoint agents to receive and forward contributions to soldiers and recommended its adoption and passage.

Mr. Dickson introduced a bill to provide for the payment of the war tax to the Confederate States of America. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Confederate Relations.

Mr. Scarborough introduced a bill for the relief of Charles Stillman. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Graham introduced a bill for the relief of Samuel Binding. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Erath offered the following resolution: "**Resolved**, That with the concurrence of the House the two Houses will adjourn *sine die* on Monday the 16th, December, 1861." Laid on table for one day without action.

The following communication from the Treasurer was read: